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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Masahiko ENARI et al.

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For : MULTICHANNEL DIGITAL DATA SENDING DEVICE AND  
METHOD, INFORMATION ORGANIZING DEVICE AND  
METHOD, AND MULTICHANNEL DIGITAL MANAGING  
DEVICE AND METHOD

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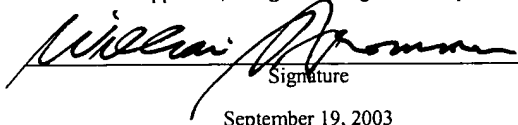
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003, wherein restriction was  
required as follows:

Group I claims 1-27, directed to "storing and forwarding of packets;"

Group II claims 28-30, directed to "control process of data retrieval in a distribution system;" and

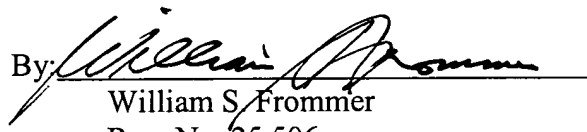
Group III claims 31-34, directed to "archiving data information, storage and control."

Without commenting on the characterization of the subject matter which the examiner has classified in the respective Groups noted above, and without admitting that this requirement for restriction is correct or appropriate, Applicants nevertheless elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-27 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present nonelected claims 28-34.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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